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13 February 1958

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Equipment Board

Meeting number 1 of the Equipment Board, which replaced the Research, Development and Production Review Board per OC Order No. 4-58 dated 21 January 1958, was held in Room 2035 "I" Building at 1430 hours on 5 February 1958. The following persons were in attendance:



*Part time

I. Old Business.

1. Minutes. The minutes of meeting number 75 (CPL 8-001 dated 14 January 1958) of the R&D Board were approved as written.

2. Status of FY-1958 R&D Budget.

a. [REDACTED] mentioned and it was agreed that item 2 of category XI (Hi-Fi RI System for Data Transmission) be held in abeyance.

b. The Board approved the procurement of ten service test models of the RS-16 with a dollar limit of \$100,000.

c. [REDACTED] then reviewed each item of the FY-1958 OC-E Research and Development budget indicating those items for which funds would be expended during the third quarter of this fiscal year.

d. [REDACTED] moved and the Board approved the procurement of ten AN/UGT-1's which would be produced on a model shop basis.

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e. [REDACTED] stated that the Board should list priorities on equipment which could be procured if there was an overage of funds at the closing of FY-1958. In this regard, the motion was made and approved that if there were funds available in the fourth quarter of FY-1958, additional AS-4's should be procured as the first priority. This is, however, assuming the field tests on this equipment are satisfactory and an operational requirement exists.

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II. New Business.

1. Items 1, 2 and 3 are to be held in abeyance until 12 February 1958 when a special meeting will be called to discuss these items.

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2. The SAMM Keyer---Semi Automatic Morse Machine---proposed by Chief, [REDACTED] occasioned considerable discussion. The consensus of the Board was that:

a. The problem of agent automatic keyers had been fully explored in the May 1957, meeting number 69 of the R&D Board. At this meeting a paper resulting from discussions between the Operations and Training and Engineering Divisions was presented for Board approval. This paper which was approved by the Board stated that the PAMM keyer appeared to be the most promising, ~~slow~~ speed keyer available at the time and recommended that it be procured in reasonable quantities as a stock item. Subsequent to this recommendation OC-E has procured six keyers. Four of these have been sent to Chief, [REDACTED] and the remaining two have been issued to SR for operational requirements. The Board felt that the PAMM keyer would fulfill Agency requirements as an interim device.

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b. It was stated that valid suggestions for improved keyers to obviate the tape resupply problem among others had been submitted by OC-personnel, but they had not been considered because of low priority and lack of funds. It was also said that if a requirement exists for an improved type keyer it should be referred to OC-E with the necessary high priority. In this event the SAMM keyer should be considered along with other approaches.

c. It was recommended that if a high priority need exists in [REDACTED], for a semi-automatic keyer obviating the tape resupply problem, that the necessary engineering drawings and specifications to construct the SAMM be supplied from Headquarters. The keyers would then be fabricated of sterile parts in Germany, but would not be considered as a communications stock item.

The meeting was adjourned at 1710.

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